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In re application of:

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For: GUARANTEED DATA ACCESS  
SPEED OF A STORAGE SYSTEM

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 9696

Examiner: Chad Zhong

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2152

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2004, on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.